



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CE BROWN RESERVE WENDOUREE ON 16TH MAY 2021.

PRESENT:

Stephen McLennan, Phillip McLennan, Brendan Hawkes, Michelle Hawkes, Alison Fidler, Bill McLennan, Joan McLennan, Graeme Quick, Peter Luke, Caitlin Christie

APOLOGIES: Nev Down, Julie Bicknell, Shane Bicknell

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:

Welcome address by Brendan Hawkes

MATTERS ARISING from 2020 Annual General Meeting:

Graeme Quick raised the point that Steve was President for 14 years, the longest anyone has served for the club and its history, which is an amazing effort. And it was agreed by all that he did a great job over those years for the club. Michelle apologises for not writing enough information on the previous AGM minutes.

CONFIRMATION of the 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

Moved	Bill McLennan	Sec	Alison Fidler	Carried
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ANNUAL REPORTS:

Presidents Report by Brendan Hawkes:

Attached at the end of minutes.

Cross country report by Phil McLennan:

Attached at end of minutes.

Junior report by Michelle Hawkes:

- Well last year was a little challenging with the COVID situation. Our Junior Cross-Country was on then it was off and then eventually we had a little 6-week program which went very well and we had about 20 kids participate. It was really good because it was the only sport kids could do at that stage. We held the Cross Country at the CE Brown Reserve at 4.30pm. We have just started junior cross country for this season, and it is going well.
- The Wendouree Junior Track and Field 2020/21 season again went extremely well, we had about 150 kids registered, our numbers were down, but it did make it easier to manage under the Covid restrictions. We were able to hold the junior presentations this year which was great. As we keep saying the junior athletic program is the major fundraising for the Wendouree Athletic Club and it would be great to have some more help. We must say a big thankyou to Zac Grainger who came along every single Friday to help out it was great to have such a young man show such great enthusiasm to helping. Also a big thankyou to the parents/grandparent who also come along and help

out, Gordon Davis and Judy and Rick Winnell thank you so much. If only we could get more senior and junior athletes coming along to help each week.

Track and field report by Neville Down:

Attached at end of minutes

Woody Yaloak report by Peter Luke:

Attached at end of minutes.

Treasurers Report by Alison Fidler:

Available on Request

All Reports Moved as Read:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Bendigo Bank Term Deposit of \$140,000 is due 17th August at a rate of 0.35%

So far we have got 89.5% return from Banksia so far, with more to come.

Major Expenses - Trophies and Insurances

Major Income – Junior Track and Field registrations

Moved	Alison Fidler	Sec	Caitlin Christie	Carried
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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

All positions for the Wendouree Athletic Club were declared vacant and William McLennan was asked to take the chair for the duration of the Elections.

Position:	Nominee:	Nominated By:	Seconded By:
President	Brendan Hawkes	Nev Down	Alison Fidler
Vice President	Nev Down	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes
Secretary / Registrar	Michelle Hawkes	Alison Fidler	Phil McLennan
Treasurer / Finance Officer	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes	Brendan Hawkes
Jnr Vice President	Position left vacant		

Cross Country Convener	Phil McLennan	Alison Fidler	Brendan Hawkes
Jnr Cross Country Convener	Michelle Hawkes/Alison Fidler	Brendan Hawkes	Peter Luke
Handicapper	Bill McLennan Michelle Hakes	Peter Luke Alison Fidler	Graeme Quick Caitlin Christie
Records Officer	Phil McLennan	Caitlin Christie	Alison Fidler
Social Media (Facebook, Instagram), IT / Website Manager, Communications	Caitlin Christie	Michelle Hawkes	Alison Fidler
Social and Fundraising	Michelle Hawkes	Brendan Hawkes	Alison Fidler
Assistant Social and fundraising	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes	Caitlin Christie
Jnr T&F Convener Jnr Development Officer	Michelle Hawkes	Brendan Hawkes	Peter Luke
Jnr Development Officer	Alison Fidler	Brendan Hawkes	Peter Luke
BRAC Delegates	Stephen McLennan	Graeme Quick	Bill McLennan
	Nev Down	Alison Fidler	Michelle Hawkes
AV Delegate	Stephen McLennan	Graeme Quick	Bill McLennan
	Caitlin Christie	Michelle Hawkes	Alison Fidler
Club Committee:	Bill McLennan	Phil McLennan	Peter Luke

Comments. Bill McLennan passed on his congratulations and best wishes to the oncoming committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Membership fees.**
- **Bill proposed that we keep the fees the same as pre covid but leave the coach and officials fee at \$0.**

Category	2021-22	2022-23	Proposed 2023-24
Open athlete	\$25	\$45	\$45
Juniors (13-19)	\$35	\$35	\$35
Recreational runner	\$25	\$45	\$45
*Social	\$25	\$45	\$45
Coach	\$0	\$0	\$0
Official	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Athletics Victoria membership category not applicable to this club.

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- **Cross country 2022 season ticket (all age groups including juniors)**
- **Season ticket \$20**

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Accounts for payment:

AV affiliation Fee \$500

Moved	Alison Fidler	Sec	Michelle Hawkes	Carried
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Questions from the floor:

Peter Luke talked about the AV insurance and mentioned that because they paid their affiliation to AV Woody Yaloak they are covered by that insurance under the tier 2 event organisation. We can look at investigating, but it would mean once again dividing the senior and junior into 2 separate organisations.

Meeting Closed at 5.30pm

President's Report 2021

Well, wasn't last year very trying and frustrating. Whether it was in sport, business or personal, the Corona virus was definitely frustrating. We managed to get the virtual cross-country season going and it went really well, attracting a lot of runner and walkers. Congratulations to Steve McLennan who was aggregate winner. There were no cross-country championship races, and all the school competitions were cancelled for the 2020 season.

The AV Shield track and field season did manage to start under some pretty strict Covid rules, but it was great to have some sort of competition happening. Thank you to everyone from Wendouree that put their hand up to help out.

We had some outstanding performances in the Vic Country Champs and special mention to Ange Williams and Archie Caldwell who were presented with the following individuals awards:

-Archie Caldwell: Stuart Hunter award for best U16 Male at the Championship.

-Angela Williams: Athletics Chilwell Veteran athlete (40+ and over) of the meet award.

There were quite a few records broken and lots of PB's across the very hot weekend.

The State championships were no different with again lots of medals and PB's.

At the National championships the junior athletes were outstanding and just to mention a couple of athletes Archie Caldwell and Lachlan O'Keefe who both won Gold medals.

For those who follow our athletes via Facebook and Instagram, thank you to Caitlin Christie who, after many hours officiating, spends half the night trolling through results to post so we are kept informed during and after these events.

Thank you again to everyone that helps organise and run the junior Track and Field competition on Friday nights, the numbers were down this year, and we weren't able to have the BBQ due to Covid restrictions, but all the kids (and the parents) were happy to be competing.

Unfortunately, the junior cross-country competition is not as strong as we would like, but we are still enthusiastic and can only hope numbers improve.

Congratulations to the winners of one of the club's highest awards, the Bill Cleary Trophy (for track season) Zac Grainger and Kirrily Caldwell, their devotion to helping with in the club has been amazing and exactly what our club is proud of.

Just to finish, I would like to thank the board and committee members for another great year, it is great to be able to work with the of you all to continually building a great club.

Brendan Hawkes

WAC 2021 AGM Track Report

Report written by Nev Down

AVSL

Round 1 started on Sat 28th Nov 2020 after two rounds of Come and Try days.

The first four Rounds were restricted to 50 competitors in a one hour session with only 4 events, two Track and two Field. BRAC conducted two one hour sessions of AVSL and then had an added third non-point scoring session with non-AVSL events.

Rounds 5 – 10 were conducted as normal competition. The final six rounds included two twilight competitions, two re-shuffled programs, a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning competition.

The total number of competitors averaged 100 for Rounds 5 – 10.

Due to the disrupted season and limited events on offer, BRAC Premierships were not awarded.

After Round 10 (final round) Wendouree AC were placed 3rd on the AVSL ladder in Division 3 behind Wyndham and Bendigo Harriers. Wendouree came up against Eureka in the Playoff to challenge for Division 2 Promotion / Relegation. With only a few athletes competing in the Playoff, Wendouree were beaten by Eureka.

It's exciting to note that Wendouree will be the No. 1 ranked team in Division 3 next season. Let's rally the athletes and have a concerted effort to take out the Division 3 Premiership. Our 2020/21 score was well above the teams below us and the two teams being relegated from Div 2. It's a case of getting the athletes to compete each week and encouraging them to participate in 3 events and a relay each time. We have proven our team can score over 20000 points quite easily.

Congratulations to the following age category winners from the AVSL competition.

U14

- 1st Taj Collier (16) 6353 points

U16

- 1st Archie Caldwell (24) 7773 points
- 1st Madison Wright (17) 8344 points

U18

- 1st Lachlan Hawkes (26) 8879 points
- 1st Taleisha Wise (27) 6527 points

MULTICLASS

- 1st James Pendred (29) 10094 points
- 1st Louise Pendred (25) 1213 points

40+

- 1st Stephen McLennan (43) 7816 points
- 1st Julie Pendred (32) 8245 points

OPEN

- 1st Josh Hawkes (15) 4355 points
- 1st Nyajima Jock (15) 6351 points

VCAC

The BRAC Local organising committee put on a great VCAC considering the COVID-Safe restrictions they had to adhere to. 730 competitors and 2000 events.

Wendouree AC had 29 athletes compete.

In individual events, Wendouree AC claimed 21 Gold, 24 Silver and 16 Bronze medals. Wendouree entered 10 teams in the relay events, winning 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Wendouree athletes performed well and it was great to have the following athletes take out the VCAC individual awards.

- Archie Caldwell: Stuart Hunter award for best U16 Male at the Championship.
- Angela Williams: Athletics Chilwell Veteran athlete (40+ and over) of the meet award.

Wendouree finished 2nd in the Men's and 6th in the Women's comp to finish 5th overall. Wendouree was the best performing Ballarat club. Congratulations to Eaglehawk who took out the Men's, Women's and Overall Titles.

Many BRAC records were broken by Wendouree AC athletes at these Championships.

See below for session by session results.

VIC COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Day 1

Carlin Christie	HI	GOLD, 1.55m PB	Karla Brown	5000m	SILVER, 19:06.00
Lachlan O'Keefe	HI	GOLD, 1.93m PB	Brandon Peterson	5000m	SILVER, 17:32.36
Archie Calow	800m	GOLD, 1:03.01	Hugh Ollarench	800m	BRONZE, 1:04.18
James Pendred	800m	GOLD, 1:11.93	Aviel Calow	3000m	BRONZE, 9:54.14
James Pendred	LI	GOLD, 5:27m	Brendan Hawkes	Discus	BRONZE, 34.62m
Louise Pendred	LI	GOLD, 5:24m	Steve McLennan	3000m	BRONZE, 12:10.86
Ange Williams	5000m	GOLD, 18:34.13	Taj Collier	LI	BRONZE, 5:37m PB
Michelle Hawkes	5000m	SILVER, 20:35.78	Leon Whitehand	Hammer	4 th , 18:13m PB
Leon Whitehand	Javelin	SILVER, 35:33m	Henry Edmondston	LI	5 th , 4.62m
Steph Mundy	800m	SILVER, 2:18.16	Chris Lang	LI	6 th , 4.06
Wil Barbary	400mH	SILVER, 81:45	Lachlan Hawkes	Discus	6 th , 24.64m

VIC COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Day 2 Morning

Zoe Grimmer	200m	SILVER, 31.42	Lachlan O'Keefe	HI	BRONZE, 1.94m
Madison Wright	200m	GOLD, 1:45m	Gabrielle Lang	HI	4 th , 3.91m
James Pendred	100m (para)	GOLD, 12.77	Taj Collier	100m	5 th , 19.36
Leon Whitehand	SP	SILVER, 8.80m	Brendan Hawkes	SP	5 th , 8.65m
Louise Pendred	100m	SILVER, 34.30	Julie Pendred	100m	5 th , 14.21
Madison Wright	100m	SILVER, 12.57	Gabrielle Lang	100m	6 th , 15.31
Julie Pendred	LI	SILVER, 3:55m	Tobias Howes	100m	6 th , 13.69 PB
Stephen McLennan	1600ms	SILVER, 13:32.34	Henry Edmondston	100m	7 th , 13.07
Eugene Reed-Spinks	160m	BRONZE, 11.18	Chris Lang	100m	DNF
Lachlan O'Keefe	HI	BRONZE, 12.83m PB			

VIC COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Day 2 Evening

Ange Williams	1500m	GOLD, 5:05.15	Josh Hawkes	1500m	BRONZE, 4:37.56
Eugene Reed-Spinks	400m	GOLD, 59.44	Michelle Hawkes	1500m	BRONZE, 5:43.47
Archie Calow	1500m	GOLD, 4:11.58	Julie Pendred	Discus	BRONZE, 14.24m
James Pendred	400m	GOLD, 69.85	Brandon Peterson	1000m	BRONZE, 38:40.29
Steph Mundy	1500m	SILVER, 4:45.74	Tajisha Wike	Javelin	BRONZE, 33.17m
Taj Collier	LI	SILVER, 16:50m	Hugh Ollarench	1500m	4 th , 3:57.22
Nyasha Jack	400m	SILVER, 58.02	Julie Pendred	200m	4 th , 35.05
Leon Whitehand	Discus	SILVER, 28:25m PB	Stephen McLennan	1000m	4 th , 46:38.82
Julie Pendred	Discus	SILVER, 15.24m	Zoe Grimmer	1500m	5 th , 4:44.22
Madison Wright	LI	SILVER, 3:26m	Aviel Calow	1300m	7 th , 4:47.93

VIC COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Day 3

Eugene Reed-Spinks	200m	GOLD, 22.47	Madison Wright	200m	SILVER, 25.41
Madison Wright	Hammer	GOLD, 40:15m	Brendan Hawkes	Hammer	SILVER, 37:50m
Nyasha Jack	200m	GOLD, 24.92	Lachlan Hawkes	Hammer	SILVER, 37:20m
Carlin Christie	LI	GOLD, 9:77m	Julie Pendred	LI	SILVER, 7:55m
James Pendred	SP	GOLD, 5:37m	Gabrielle Lang	LI	BRONZE, 8.52m
Louise Pendred	SP	GOLD, 3:45m	Lachlan Hawkes	Hammer	BRONZE, 33.45m
Zoe Grimmer	100mH	SILVER, 14.70	Brendan Hawkes	Hammer	BRONZE, 37.14m
Madison Wright	LI	SILVER, 11:59m	Carlin Christie	Hammer	4 th , 24.53m
Julie Pendred	SP	SILVER, 6:40m	Julie Pendred	200m	5 th , 35.30



2021 AV Track Relays @ Box Hill.

The Wendouree AC was well represented at the AV Track Relays where athletes competed as a combined BRAC team. Juniors competed on the Saturday and Seniors on the Sunday. Wendouree athletes have been highlighted in the teams below.

Day 1 – Sat 30th Jan 2021. (Juniors)

FOP

4x800m: (Lucy Jones, Daisy Sudholz, **Stephanie Mundy**, Amy Canavan) 9:25.65 (1st);

F18

4x100m: (Chloe Kinnersly, Layla Watson, Angelica Selkirk, **Madison Wright**) 50.21 (3rd);

4x400m: (Chloe Kinnersly, Chloe Crisp, Chloe Warrington, Layla Watson) 4:36.11 (6th);

F16

4x100m: (Armani Anderson, Molly Fraser, Grace Crowe, Grace Kelly) 50.02 (1st);

4xMedley: (Armani Anderson, Molly Fraser, Lucy Jones, Daisy Sudholz) 4:16.01 (2nd);

M18

4x100m: (Ryan Hovey, **Will Barbary**, Seth Mckenzie, Matthew O'Brien) 44.61 (3rd);

4x800m: (Charles Chandler, Joshua Johnston, Benjamin Mornane, **Archie Caldwell**) 8:47.77 (7th);

4xMedley: (Ryan Hovey, Seth Mckenzie, Matthew O'Brien, Isaac Rossato) 3:37.62 (1st);

M16

4x400m: (**Zac Grainger**, Flynn Duggan, **Axel Caldwell**, Charles Chandler) 4:02.79 (4th);

Day 2 – Sun 31st Jan 2021. (Open & Overage)

Day 2 of the Victorian Relays. All Open Age Groups and whilst we had mainly junior runners, they acquitted themselves unbelievably well and posted some great performances.

FOP

4x100m: (**Ebony Howes**, Angelica Selkirk, Amy Canavan, **Nyajima Jock**) 52.48 (P);

4xMedley: (**Ebony Howes**, Amy Canavan, **Nyajima Jock**, **Stephanie Mundy**) 4:17.33 (8th);

MOP

4x400m: (James Oro, Liam Ray, Jared Hill, **Eugene Read-Spinka**) 3:27.77 (5th);

4x1500m: (**Archie Caldwell**, Isaac Rossato, Benjamin Stevens, Benjamin Mornane) 17:24.50 (5th);

4xMedley: (Jared Hill, Liam Ray, James Oro, **Joshua Hawkes**) 3:45.20 (7th);

2021 AV Track & Field Championships

Wendouree athletes won 13 GOLD, 4 SILVER and 7 BRONZE medals at the State Championships. Wendouree were certainly one of the better, if not the best, country clubs at the Victorian Championships. It was great to see many of our junior athletes qualify for Nationals with their performances at these championships.



Presentation evening

Congratulations to the following who were our Special award recipients for the 2020/21 T&F season.

Best First Year athlete

- Henry Edmonston

Most Improved

Male:

- Axel Caldwell

Female:

- Madison Wright

Most Outstanding athlete(s)

Male: (equal winners)

- Lachlan O'Keefe
 - Ballarat Record (u16 – u18 High Jump 1.97m)
 - Country Champion (High Jump)
 - Victorian Champion (High Jump)
 - Australian Champion (High Jump)
- Archie Caldwell
 - Ballarat Records (u15 1500m 4:09.78, 3000m 8:57.91)
 - Country Champion (800m, 1500m, 3000m)
 - Victorian Champion (1500m, 3000m)
 - 1st U16 1500m Melb Track Classic (Hillardt trophy)
 - Australian Champion (Gold - 3000m, 2nd – 1500m)

Female:

- Madison Wright
 - Ballarat Records (u16 - OPEN TJ 11.76m)
 - Country Champion (High Jump, 4 x 100m)
 - Victorian Champion (High Jump)
 - Australian Championships
(4th High Jump, 3rd 4 x 100m, LJ, 100m)

Best Clubperson – Bill Cleary Trophy (equal winners)

- Zac Grainger
- Kirrily Caldwell.

Thanks to all our hard working officials, members and supporters who helped season 20/21 be a successful one. I encourage you all to continue to do your bit so next season will be even better.

Report written by Nev Down (WAC Board member)

Wendouree Athletic Club - 2020 Cross-Country Report

The 2020 Cross-Country Season served up dramatic change arising from the impact of the global events that manifested themselves through all levels of society due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Terms like social distancing, lockdown, Ring of Steel and community transmission gained prominence in the lexicon as many of us experienced disruption in a manner beyond our usual scope. As a consequence of the restrictions that were required to be observed during the year all A.V. XCR, B.R.A.C. and club races were cancelled. This was the first year since 1958 that the club has not staged a formal cross-country season.

Adaptability can often rise during challenging times. Whilst we were unable to gather in groups or have close contact, we were still able to exercise and what better way to do that than run. Aided by available technology such as GPS devices the opportunity to undertake a virtual series of events for members was an obvious choice to fill a previously unconsidered void. Held in conjunction with the Eureka Athletic Club the virtual season provided a welcome outlet for many to engage in their preferred form of physical activity and for some the chance to participate in events they previously or otherwise may not have considered. On many occasions the combined participation of the two clubs was in excess of 100 competitors indicating some measure of success, or need, for the club to provide such an opportunity during this time. We even had a virtual end of season presentation. Thanks to all those that contributed to the conduct of the virtual season through promotion via social media, collation and publication of results, and, of course, to those that ran, walked and jogged each week.

Going forward safety continues to be a primary concern. Modifications to courses are likely to be inevitable with ongoing development and increased traffic affecting some of our traditional stomping grounds. As we return to some semblance of normalcy with the resumption of organized events our collaboration with the Eureka Athletic Club for a number of local races should continue to provide mutual benefits, although boosting our participation numbers should also be a focus. While conceived from necessity the option of the virtual program provides for many possibilities for ongoing and expanded engagement for those with an inclination toward our sport.

Good luck to all for the season ahead.

The Cross-Country Committee.

WOADY YALOKAK'S PRESIDENTS REPORT

APRIL 2021

The last 12 months have certainly been challenging for all. When I took on the role of President just over 12 months ago, I certainly didn't expect the challenges that faced us during COVID!

We were lucky to be able to complete our previous track and field season and we moved into our Cross Country season with a lot of uncertainty.

Thanks to the commitment and innovating thinking of our coordinator, Peter Luke, we were able to run a Virtual Cross Country Season which was extremely well supported, and I think a huge success for the club. Whilst we ran this without any registration fees, the Committee was determined to provide this activity for our community during COVID.

Moving into our 2020-2021 track and field season, there was lots to do. COVID compliance being the number one priority. Once again, our committee members were determined to proceed with a season. Our hard work paid off. We had a large number of families register and we had interest from new members right up to the end of the season.

Our families must be congratulated for accepting the changes we had to make to the season regarding masks, sanitizing, COVID registers etc.

And now we move onto our 2021 Cross Country Season. It's hard to believe how quickly the last 12 months have slipped by!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Pete, the Committee and our members for their support to me and my family over the last couple of years. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing my boys each week on the oval with their friends, enjoying their events and a sausage at the end!

I would also like to welcome our new committee members. Without the dedication of our families, Woody Aths cannot operate. Our new President, Benita Martin should also be congratulated for stepping into the role as I step down.

Wishing everyone a successful 2021 Cross Country Season.